

Table S1. Table of Comparison of Platforms Evaluated. Initial cut-off criteria included Platform-provided Hosting and Browser-based. Key criteria for further evaluation included Asynchronous Discussion, Participant Anonymity, Controlled User Access (by password-controlled or invite-only access), Deletion of Data on Request, and Data Collected Not Sold.

Platform	Platform-provided Hosting	Browser-based	Asynchronous Discussion	Anonymity	Controlled User Access	Deletion of Data on Request	Data Collected Not Sold	Threading and Nested Replies	Downloadable Responses
<i>FocusGroupIt</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓ *	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>NowComment</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓ ^	✓	✓	✓	✓	---
<i>Discourse</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	---
<i>Ning</i>	✓	✓	✓	---	✓	✓	✓	---	---
<i>Microsoft Teams</i>	✓	✓ (App optional)	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	---
<i>Collabito</i>	✓	✓	✓	✗	---	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>BackChannel Chat</i>	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	---	✓	---	✗
<i>ListServ</i>	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	---	---	✓	✓
<i>VBulletin Cloud</i>	✓	---	✓	---	✓	---	✓	✓	✓
<i>Itracks</i>	---	✗ (App required)							
<i>Invision</i>	✗								
<i>FluxBB</i>	✗								
<i>phpBB</i>	✗								

* Pseudonym (manually) with free plan; option with paid plan

^ Pseudonym (manually)